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1. UPCOMING VISIT OF COUNSELOR NIMETZ TO CYPRUS CONTINUED
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TO BE TOP STORY IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS AUG 29. GOC
SPOKESMAN RELEASED DETAILS OF NIMETZ'S ARRIVAL AND
DEPARTURE TIMES, AND ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD HOLD TALKS
WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, FONMIN ROLANDIS, AND MR. DENKTASH.
IN ANSWER TO QUESTION, SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS NO
QUESTION OF A JOINT MEETING BETWEEN KYPRIANOU AND
DENKTASH IN NIMETZ'S PRESENCE. SPOKESMAN CONTINUED TO

DENY ANY KNOWLEDGE OF A "PLAN" BEING BROUGHT BY NIMETZ.

2. EDITORIALY, SEVERAL PAPERS CONTINUED TO EXPRESS MISGIVINGS ABOUT VISIT. MIDDLE-ROAD PHILELEFTHEROS REMINDED U.S. THAT PROGRESS COULD BE ACHIEVED ONLY THROUGH UN RESOLUTIONS AND SAID MR. NIMETZ COULD NOT EXPECT TO BE WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS BECAUSE CYPRUS HAD BITTER EXPERIENCES WITH AMERICAN POLICY AS CONDUCTED BY DR. KISSINGER, PRESIDENT CARTER AND MR. CLIFFORD. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI LINKED NIMETZ VISIT WITH PREVIOUS "NATO PLANS" SUCH AS THOSE PUT FORTH BY BALL, LENMITZER, ACHESON, AND VANCE; CENTRAL IDEA OF ALL THESE PLANS, SAID HARAVGHI, WAS ABOLITION OF INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN CYPRUS. SOCIALIST TA NEA COMMENTED THAT GOC OFFICIALS WHO TALK WITH NIMETZ SHOULD REMIND HIM OF CLIFFORD'S UNFULFILLED PROMISES, GIVE HIM A FAREWELL DINNER, AND THEN PROCEED TO SECURITY COUNCIL. ONLY RIGHT-WING MAKHI TOOK AN UPBEAT ATTITUDE, DESCRIBING NIMETZ VISIT AS OF TREMENDOU IMPORTANCE AND ACCUSING COMMUNIST PRESS OF TRYING TO TORPEDO IT.

3. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS PROMINENTLY REPORTED AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS TO JOURNALIST FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH THAT NIMETZ MISSION IS PURELY EXPLORATORY, THAT HE IS NOT BRINGING A U.S. PLAN, AND THAT MISSION IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST UNSYG IN AN EFFORT TO FIND A SOLUTION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON NIMETZ VISIT, ALTHOUGH LEFTIST REPUBLICAN TURKISH PARTY ISSUED A STATEMENT CRITICIZING VISIT AND CHARGING THAT U.S. WAS ATTEMPTING TO PUT CYPRUS PROBLEM UNDER A "NATO UMBRELLA" WHICH WOULD THREATEN THE NON-ALIGNMENT OF CYPRUS. STONE

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